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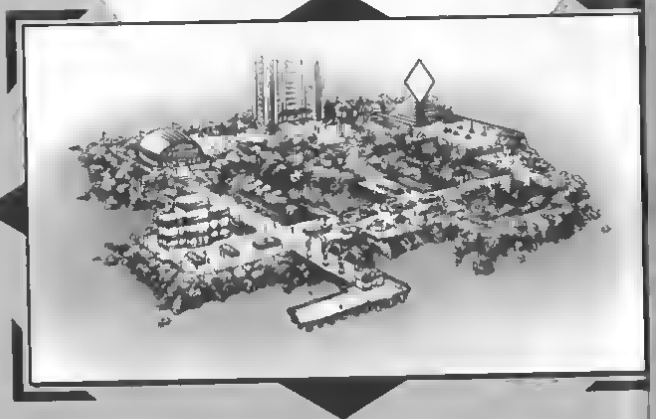


POCKET MONSTER SPECIAL THE SIXTH CHAPTER EMERALD

THE THIRD DAY OF THE BATTLE FRONTIER CHALLENGE IS THE MAZE OF DARKNESS, THE BATTLE PYRAMID!
EMERALD STARTED HIS CHALLENGE THE NIGHT BEFORE AND IT IS NOW NEARLY DAYBREAK!
BY THE TIME HE CLEARS THE SEVENTH FLOOR, HE WOULD HAVE COMPLETED THREE SETS! GO FOR IT, EMERALD!!
LEAVE IT TO ME! WHOA... A WILD POKEMON ?!
GROWL
A HOUN-DOOM!
WANTER IT, HUNNY?!
"EARTH-QUAKE"!!
BOOM!
THUMP

SPLIT!
OH! I SEE THE EXIT!!
SLIDE
SET THREE, CLEARED!!
WAY TO GO, EMERALD!!
EVERY TIME HE FINISHES CLIMBING SEVEN FLOORS, HE COMPLETES A SET
AFTER THAT, HE'LL NEED TO GO DOWN THE PYRAMID BY USING THE STAIRS ON THE OUTSIDE AND START THE NEXT SET FROM THE BOTTOM AGAIN... AND HE'LL ONLY GET TO BATTLE BRANDON AT THE LAST FLOOR OF THE 10TH SET!
INSIDE, THE PYRAMID IS A MAZE OF DARKNESS WITH VIRTUAL TRAINERS AND WILD POKÉMON HIDING AT EVERY OTHER CORNER!
EMERALD HAS TO FIND THE EXIT AND CLIMB UP TO THE ROOF OF THE PYRAMID WHILE NAVIGATING THROUGH ALL THAT DANGER!
AND WHAT'S MORE!
EACH TIME HE ENTERS THE PYRAMID, THE INTERIOR CHANGES! NOTHING CAN BE MORE GRUELING THAN THIS!
LET'S SEE... WHERE'S THE EXIT...
STARTLE

IT'S ANOTHER WILD POKÉMON!!
SHEDINJA!!
FWOOSH
"SHADOW BALL"!
SMACK
PHEW... THAT WAS SCARY.
YOU'RE TELLING ME! GETTING JUMPED IN THE DARK CAN REALLY GIVE YOU THE HEEBIE-JEEBIES!!
THIS FACILITY...
...IS A TRUE "TEST OF BRAVERY" IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD!
THAT'S RIGHT

BRANDON!
MY BATTLE PYRAMID IS EXACTLY THE SAME!
...SO THEY HAD MANY TRAPS AND MECHANISMS INSTALLED INSIDE THE PYRAMID TO DISCOURAGE THEM FROM SUCH SHENANIGANS.
THE CHALLENGER WILL BE BOMBARDED BY A WHOLE SLEW OF ENTRIES...
...WHO WILL QUESTION THE CHALLENGER'S "BRAVERY"...!
THOSE WHO COURAGEOUSLY MANAGE TO SCALE THE PYRAMID WILL ALSO BE DULY REWARDED!
FOOM!

IT'S GOTTEN A LITTLE BRIGHTER!
IS IT CUZ I DEFEATED MISDREAVUS JUST NOW?

I WAS IN COMPLETE DARKNESS WHEN I FIRST CAME IN. BUT THE MORE WILD POKÉMON AND VIRTUAL TRAINERS I DEFEAT, THE BRIGHTER THIS PLACE BECOMES...
IT'S MUCH EASIER FOR ME TO FIND MY WAY AROUND THE MAZE LIKE THIS!

PYRAMID KING BRANDON...
HE'S OUTRAGEOUS IN SPEECH AND CONDUCT, AND EMERALD HAS MADE A FOOL OF HIM ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION. BUT...
...HE STILL WANTS THIS CHALLENGE TO BE FAIR AND SQUARE!

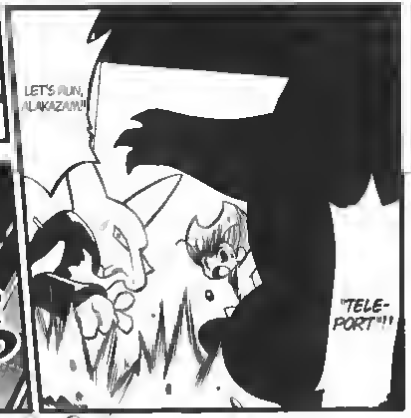
THIS MAN CERTAINLY...
...DESERVES TO BE CALLED A FRONTIER BRAIN!

THOUGH I GUESS IT'S OBVIOUS HE WANTED TO BE FAIR WHEN HE REVEALED THE POKÉMON HE HAD ON HAND FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, TOO
BUT STILL...

!!!

WE'RE TALKING LEGENDARY POKÉMON FROM ANCIENT MYTHS OF THE JOHTO AREA HERE!
REGI-ROCK!
REGI-STEEL!
REGICE!!
WHY DOES BRANDON HAVE THOSE THREE ASTOUNDING POKÉMON ON HAND...?! EVEN IF EMERALD MANAGES TO REACH THE LAST FLOOR OF THE TENTH SET, WILL HE EVEN STAND A CHANCE AGAINST THOSE THREE MONSTERS?!

STOP!
MUGRRGH!!
STOP!


LET'S RUN, ALAKAZAM!!
"TELE-PORT"!!

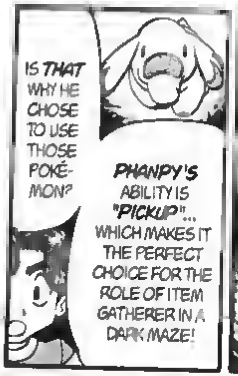
WHOA! EMERALD LOOKS LIKE HE'S IN BIG TROUBLE!!
STOP
STOP

SPARKLE

E-EMERALD ?!
I KNOW, I KNOW... YOU'RE THINKING, WHY AM I RUNNING AWAY EVEN THOUGH I CAN MAKE THE AREA BRIGHTER BY DEFEATING THAT POKÉMON, RIGHT? I'LL TELL YOU!
SEE, I WANTED TO HIT HIM WITH A "SHADOW BALL", BUT...
SHADOW BALL PP 0
...I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH POWER POINTS LEFT TO EXECUTE THAT MOVE!
THE MISCREAVUS MUSTVE HIT SHEDINJA WITH "GRUDGE" JUST NOW...
A LOT OF POKÉMON TRIED TO "PARALYZE" MY TEAM DURING THE FIRST SET.
FOR THE SECOND SET, THEY CHANGED TO "POISON"...
...AND FOR THE THIRD SET, "BRAIN".
AND NOW IT LOOKS LIKE THE THEME OF THE FOURTH SET IS TO "CRIPPLE OPPONENT FROM USING SKILL"!
YOU MEAN IT'S NOT JUST THE MAZE THAT CHANGES AT EVERY SET, BUT THE INCLINATIONS OF THE POKÉMON INSIDE AS WELL?!
THE BATTLE PYRAMID IS TOO TOUGH!!
OH, DON'T SOUND SO DISAPPOINTED!
PHANPY!

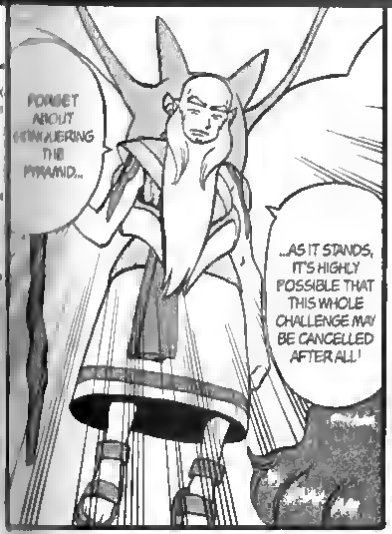
GREAT! YOU PICKED UP THIS "ETHER" JUST IN TIME!!
PICK UP?!
YEAH! BRANDON MENTIONED IT BEFORE THE CHALLENGE, DIDN'T HE?
OH SO YOU PICKED UP SOME POTIONS AND BERRIES!
"WE'VE DROPPED VARIOUS ITEMS ALL AROUND THE PYRAMID. YOU ARE FREE TO PICK THEM UP AND USE THEM AS YOU PLEASE." THAT'S WHAT HE SAID.
THAT'S RIGHT! THE ONLY ITEMS ALLOWED IN THE FACTORY AND THE MIKE WERE THE POKÉMON'S HELD ITEMS, BUT...
...IN THE PYRAMID, THERE'S NO LIMIT TO HOW MANY ITEMS YOU CAN PICK UP AND USE AS YOU GO ALONG!
THEY EVEN GAVE ME THIS "BATTLE BAG", TO STORE ALL THE ITEMS I'VE FOUND IN THE BATTLE PYRAMID!
EXACTLY! THAT'S WHY I GOT PHANPY TO GO AROUND AND PICK UP AS MANY THINGS AS IT CAN!
LOOK!
PHANPY, MAKE SURE YOU FILL THIS BAG TO THE BRIM FOR ME, OKAY?

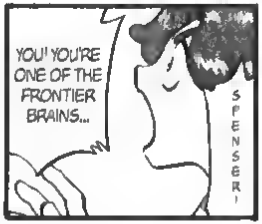
OH! THERE'S SOMETHING THERE TOO! LET'S GO PICK IT UP!
LET'S PICK 'EM ALL UP FOR ENERGY SAVING~!


IS THAT WHY HE CHOSE TO USE THOSE POKÉMON?
PHANPY'S ABILITY IS "PICKUP"... WHICH MAKES IT THE PERFECT CHOICE FOR THE ROLE OF ITEM GATHERER IN A DARK MAZE!

ALAKAZAM IS ABLE TO HELP THE WHOLE TEAM FLEE FROM BATTLE IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES, AS IT IS ABLE TO USE "TELEPORT"...
AND SHEDINJA MUST BE THERE FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION!
IT ONLY HAS ONE HEALTH POINT, SO EMERALD DOESN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT CURING IT!

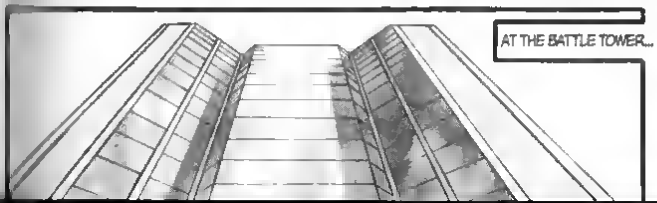
EMERALD IS UNBELIEVABLY GOOD!
HE HAS THE ABILITY TO COME UP WITH THE BEST PARTY FOR ANY FACILITY AND ANY SITUATION, COME WHAT MAY!
I'M SURE SOMEONE LIKE HIM WILL BE ABLE TO CONQUER THIS BATTLE PYRAMID NO MATTER HOW DIFFICULT IT MAY SEEM...
I WOULDN'T BE SO SURE ABOUT THAT...


FORGET ABOUT CONQUERING THE PYRAMID...
...AS IT STANDS, IT'S HIGHLY POSSIBLE THAT THIS WHOLE CHALLENGE MAY BE CANCELLED AFTER ALL!


YOU! YOU'RE ONE OF THE FRONTIER BRAINS...
SPENSER!

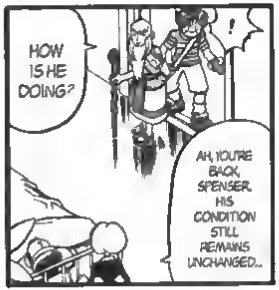
AND WHAT DO YOU MEAN THAT THIS WHOLE CHALLENGE MAY BE CANCELLED...?!

WE INITIALLY ACCEPTED HIS CHALLENGE AS A PERFORMANCE KNOW FOR THE PRESS, BUT...
...A RATHER PRESSING SITUATION HAS TURNED UP, AS SUCH, WE NO LONGER HAVE THE TIME TO ENTERTAIN HIS ANTICS.
MY APOLOGIES FOR INTERRUPTING YOU WHILE YOU'RE CHEERING YOUR FRIEND ON, BUT I'M AFRAID I NEED YOU TO COME WITH ME


AT THE BATTLE TOWER...

GRR!

HOW'S IT POSSIBLE THAT NOLAND WAS..


HOW IS HE DOING?
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AH, YOU'RE BACK, SPENSER. HIS CONDITION STILL REMAINS UNCHANGED..

NOLAND?! W-WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?!
CAN'T YOU TELL? SOMEONE ATTACKED HIM AND KNOCKED HIM OUT!

AND THAT PERSON STOLE ALL THE RENTAL MONSTER IN HIS BATTLE FACTORY AS WELL!
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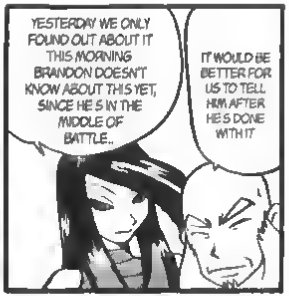
WHEN ?!


YESTERDAY WE ONLY FOUND OUT ABOUT IT THIS MORNING. BRANDON DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT THIS YET, SINCE HE'S IN THE MIDDLE OF BATTLE..
IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR US TO TELL HIM AFTER HE'S DONE WITH IT

BUT... BUT WHO COULD'VE DONE THIS...?!
AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE?!

SURROUND
HUH?

EH? YOU'RE NOT THINKING... ME? NO, WAIT...
...DON'T TELL ME... EMERALD?!

WHO ELSE COULD IT HAVE BEEN, HMM?!
YOU MUST BE JOKING?!

YOU ALL KNOW THAT.
...HE WAS IN THE BATTLE PIKE THE WHOLE OF YESTERDAY, DON'T YOU?!
SURE WE DO! BUT CAN YOU BLAME US FOR SUSPECTING HIM?! HE'S THE ONLY OUTSIDER WHO HAS POKÉMON ON HAND IN THE BATTLE FRONTIER!
HUH, THAT'S
QUIET, YOU! DON'T SHOUT IN FRONT OF AN INJURED MAN!!
LOOK WHO'S TALKING!!
WAH! WAH!
WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE, KID! YOU'RE TALKING TO THE DOME ACE TUCKER HERE! OUT WITH IT! WHAT ARE YOU GUYS SCHEMING?!
GYAH!
SILENCE! THE LOT OF YOU!!
OWNER SCOTT HAS LEFT ME WITH SOME INSTRUCTIONS. NO MATTER HOW YOU MAY FEEL ABOUT THIS, I'D THANK ALL OF YOU TO FOLLOW HIS WORDS TO THE LETTER.
FIRST!
THE BATTLE DEMONSTRATION FOR THE PRESS WILL CONTINUE AS PLANNED.
REASON BEING... IF WE CANCELLED IT, WE'LL HAVE TO EXPLAIN OUR ACTIONS TO THE PRESS. THERE WILL BE INEVITABLE CHAOS IF THAT SHOULD HAPPEN.
IT'S ALSO POSSIBLE THAT THE CRIMINAL MAY SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ATTACK MORE PEOPLE BY CAPITALIZING ON THE CONFUSION

BRONDY!
WE, THE FRONTIER BRAINS, ARE TO DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO CAPTURE THE CRIMINAL WHO DID THIS.
WE MUST WEED HIM OUT BEFORE THE FACILITY IS TO BE OFFICIALLY OPENED TO PUBLIC VISITORS!
THAT IS ALL.
LET'S GET THIS STRAIGHT! I STILL DON'T TRUST THAT EMERALD KID, SO YOU JUST TELL HIM THAT HE'S GONNA GET IT FROM ME WHEN HE COMES TO MY BATTLE DOME!!
SWING
NOW GET LOST!
OW... MAN, I WONDER HOW EMERALD'S DOING WITH HIS PYRAMID CHALLENGE?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW?
UWAH! L-L-LUCY?!
HEH HEH
SOMEONE JUST CONTACTED US TO TELL US THAT THE BOY'S MADE IT TO THE LAST FLOOR OF THE TENTH SET!

WELL, WHADDA YA KNOW...
YO!
@YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY, YOUNG ADVENTURER!
YOU'VE REACHED THE PEAK OF THE BATTLE PYRAMID...
...NOT TO MENTION...
...YOU'VE COLLECTED A HECK OF A LOT OF ITEMS ALONG THE WAY, I SEE...
YEAH! I GOT MY POKÉMON TO "PICKUP" EVERYTHING ALONG ITS PATH!!
I'M GONNA BE GOING UP AGAINST THE LEGENDARY REGIROCK, REGISTEEL AND REGICE AFTER ALL!
THE ONLY STRATEGY I CAN THINK OF IS TO KEEP HANGING ON, WHILE USING THE ITEMS TO CURE MY TEAM AS I GO!
@WAH HAH HAH!! THAT SO?! THEN YOU MUST BE PRETTY *AFRAID* OF ME, THE PYRAMID KING BRANDON, HUH!!
YUP! THAT I AM, TO TELL YA THE TRUTH...
@WELL, I'M *DEFINITELY* @GONNA WIN THIS BATTLE!!

SET IO, ROOF OF THE PYRAMID! THE BATTLE FOR THE SYMBOL OF "BRAVERY"...
..BEGINS NOW!
REGI-ROCK!
"SUPER-POWER"!!
SLASH
CRA
CK

HEH! YOU STARTED THE CHALLENGE WITH PHANPY, ALAKAZAM, AND GHEDINJA...
NOW SHOW US WHO YOUR PARTY MEMBERS FOR THE FINAL SET ARE!
THAT SCEPTILE!!
GRRNNN
WHAT?!
PLANT YOUR SEEDS, SCEPTILE!!
"LEECH SEED"!!
SWIRRL
YES! NOW WE'LL BE ABLE TO LEECH THAT THING'S HEALTH POINTS FOR OURSELVES!

PETTY TRICKS LIKE THAT WON'T WORK ON ME! IT JUST MEANS I'LL HAVE TO KNOCK YOUR POKÉMON OUT WITH A SINGLE ATTACK!
GRAB
CRACK
BEHOLD THE POWER OF THE ANCIENTS!
KA-BOOM
"EXPLOSION"!!

## DEAR MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

**Thank you for being here to cover the opening of the Battle Frontier facility!**

**Please allow us to continue explaining the rules of the facilities.**

SCOTT

### SUPPLEMENTARY RULES OF EACH FACILITY
### BATTLE ARENA PART 1

| BATTLE MODE | POKÉMON ALLOWED | OBTAINABLE SYMBOL | REQUIREMENT FOR SYMBOL ACQUISITION |
|---|---|---|---|
| SINGLE | THREE | GUTS | EIGHT SETS OF SEVEN PEOPLE EACH + 56 VICTORIES |

In the Battle Arena, the challenger must win a series of battles without changing the sequence of the party he brings along. Each Pokémon will battle one after Pokémon in a three-on-three, and if no knock out occurs after three turns, an umpire will evaluate the battle and assign scores to the Pokémon. Pokémon are scored on their "mind," "skill" and "body" based on a three-tier assessment. "O" means two points, "△" means one point and "X" means zero points. The Pokémon with the highest total score will be declared the winner.